The plant is stated to have commenced regular operations only from August, 96. In August and September, 96 adequate supplies of coal could not be maintained. However, regular coal supplies from October, 96 are being made to this unit. The details regarding demand and coal supply to FCI from August, 96 till 21st November, 1996 are given below:—

(Fig. in lakh tonnes) (Date provisional)

Month	Demand	Supply	%age
August, 96	0.50	0.18	36
September, 96	0.50	0.43	86
October, 96	0.50	0.48	96
November, 96 (till 21st)	0.35	0.35	100

(b) SCCL have reported that the production in opencast mines during the monsoon season does get affected. The shortfall in production from opencast mines during the rainy season is made up to some extent by despatching coal from the ground stocks in the company. The consumers are also expected to build up adequate stocks of coal before the onset of monsoon to take care of the reduced supplies which are expected during this period.

Proposals envisaging foreign direct investment

935. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of proposals envisaging a foreign direct investment of Rs. 2428 crores and projected export earnings of Rs. 419 crores have been approved by the Government;

(b) if so, names of such proposals, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to invite FDI proposals from Assam too for smooth growth of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A statement showing such proposals, state-wise and Union Territory-wise is attached as Annexure. *[See Appendix* 179, *Annexure No* 18]

Choice of location of projects depends on the commercial judgement of investors. It depends on the availability of adequate and dependable infrastructure facilities such as Power, Land, Water etc. The State Governments also provide incentives and subsidies for attracting investment as industrial development within the State/Union Territory is their responsibility. Many State Governments have been actively encouraging foreign investment through various promotional measures The Central Government supports and supplements such efforts of all State Governments.

Government constantly reviews the policy framework for foreign investment so as to make it increasingly investor-friendly and internationally competitive.

Lack of modern infrastrnctural facilities in the coal mines to prevent accidents

936. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with a number of coal mines disasters in the country taking a heavy toll of life, Government have critically examined the lack of infrastructure in the coal mines to prevent the mine accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the coal mines where dismal conditions continue to prevail with primitive infrastructure; and

(c) the strategy contemplated by the Government to provide modern infrastructure in the coal mines in a phased manner to prevent mine disasters?

THE MINISTER .OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY-OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), under the Mines Act, 1952, is the statutory authority to enforce safety provisions in all the mines and all mines are regularly inspected by the officers of DGMS.

Wherever there occurs an accident involving a large number of casualties, the Government constitutes a Court of Inquiry